**October 5, 2011**

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

**As you may already know, our class is doing research on a significant person from the Age of Exploration. Your child has chosen a person that he/she was interested in finding out more about. The students will be using the information they collected to write an epitaph, poem, and an obituary. They will also use the information for their Explorer Graveyard Presentation.**

**Students are encouraged to dress up like the person they have researched; however, I do not want you to go out and buy anything. Please use what you have at home to put a costume together or have your child check in with me for supplies from school. Students will NOT be graded on their costumes.**

**We will need a supply of flashlights for our graveyard. If you have flashlights that we can borrow, please send them into school with your child the week of the Graveyard. Please put your name on your flashlights so we can return them to the right owners when we are finished using them.**

**You are invited to come take a walk among the dead on Thursday, November 3, 2011. All are welcome---parents, grandparents, etc. We plan on using the outdoor courtyard if weather permits to transform the outside of Jamison into a graveyard. The gates will open at 6:30pm and close at 7:30pm. You can come at anytime during this time period.**

**Just in case you have small children, it will be dark out and you will need to use the flashlight to maneuver around the graveyard, but it will not be set up like a haunted house. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at khopkins@cbsd.org or check the wiki for more information at** [**www.hopkins5.wikispaces.com**](http://www.hopkins5.wikispaces.com)**.**  **We look forward to seeing you on November 3.**

**Sincerely,**

**Ms. Hopkins**